



Scottish Funding Council
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Mr John Gallacher

Address: request-460915-8ed026e2@whatdotheyknow.com

Our reference: FOISA 559

22 March 2018

Dear Mr Gallacher,

Request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your request of for an internal review under the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). I have been asked to undertake the review.

Your request for a review

You have asked for a review to be undertaken as below:

I am writing to request an internal review of Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council's handling of my FOI request 'ESF process'.

2. Year on Year since the Programme started to the date of this request the total amount of funding received into the SFC budget (each financial year).

Please supply the dates this funding was received by the council for each financial year.

You referred me to your year end accounts, I note that for 2016/17 on P60 it states - £0 Income line European Social however for 2015/26 Fund Income was 5189.

To simplify matters please advise the total amount of ESF Funding the College Sector year on year received for the period in question? Additionally how much of

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of the funds allocated have the Funding Council reclaimed successfully year on year under the ESF program?

We advised that the last sentence (underlined for clarity) was being considered a new request and shall be responded to separately to our response to your request for review.

Therefore I have considered the two points as listed below in my review:

1. Please supply the dates this funding was received by the council for each financial year.
2. Advise the total amount of ESF Funding the College Sector year on year received for the period in question?

My review

In response to your request for review we have revised our initial response in relation to each of your points as below:

1. Please see the attached spreadsheet detailing the dates on which funding was received by SFC.

For clarity we have released the income for the European Social Fund, associated running costs of the project and the European Regional Development Fund as noted in the spreadsheet.

2. This information has been released to you in a previous request on 30 October 2017. This information is available on the What do They Know website here: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/esf_funding_and_implication_of_b#incoming-1061163

This information is therefore exempt from re-release under Section 25(1) of the FOISA.

Making an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner

If you remain dissatisfied with this response, you have six months from receipt of this response in which you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. You can appeal using the Scottish Information Commissioner's online appeals portal which can be accessed via the following link:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

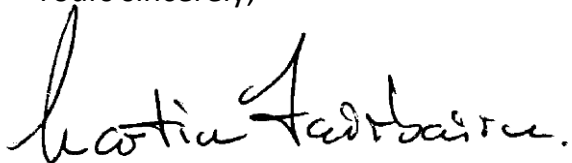
The Scottish information Commissioner can also be contacted at:

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Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision,
you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Fairbairn'.

Martin Fairbairn
Chief Operating Officer

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